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TITLE OF INVENTION: FULLY HUMAN ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE HUMAN INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR-1 RECEPTOR

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Examiner

David J. Blanchard

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 28 May 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-14, 23-34, 41-49 and 57-60 (renumbered as claims 1-28).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/David J Blanchard/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1643

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 12/23/08 (3 pages); 12/23/08 (8 pages).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11, 15-22, 35-40 and 50-56 are cancelled.
Claims 12-14, 23-27 and 30 have been amended.
Claims 57-60 have been added.
2. Claims 12-14, 23-34, 41-49 and 57-60 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

3. Applicant's election of the Invention of Group I, claims 12-14, 23-33 and newly added claims 57-60 in the reply filed on 28 May 2009 is acknowledged.
4. Claim 34 and 41-49 directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claims 34 and 41-49, directed to the process of making or using the allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Cancelled claims 19-22 (Group II), 34 and 36-40 (Groups III, IV and V), directed to the invention(s) of nucleic acids, vectors and host cells encoding a human antibody or fragment thereof that binds IGF-IR (Group I) and methods of treating acromegaly, retinal neovascularization and psoriasis comprising administering a human antibody or fragment thereof that binds IGF-IR (Groups III, IV and V, respectively) have NOT been rejoined.

Because a claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 has been rejoined, **the restriction requirement among groups I and VI as set forth in the Office action mailed on 28 April 2009 is hereby WITHDRAWN. For clarity, it is noted that the restriction requirement among groups II, III, IV and V as set forth in the Office action mailed on 28 April 2009 is MAINTAINED.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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Information Disclosure Statement

5. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed 23 December 2008 (3 pages) and 23 December 2008 (twelve pages) have been considered by the Examiner. A signed and initialed copy of each IDS is included with the instant Office Action.

Examiner's Amendment

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sanjay M. Jivraj on 29 July 2009

The claims are amended as follows:

12. (Currently Amended) An isolated human antibody or fragment thereof, which specifically binds to insulin-like growth factor-I receptor (IGF-IR) comprising complementarity-determining ~~region (CDR)~~ regions (CDRs) having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:14 at V_HCDR1, SEQ ID NO:16 at V_HCDR2, SEQ ID NO:18 at V_HCDR3, SEQ ID NO:20 or 26 at V_LCDR1, SEQ ID NO:22 or 28 at V_LCDR2, and SEQ ID NO:24 or 30 at V_LCDR3.

13. (Currently Amended) The antibody or ~~antigen-binding~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12, which comprises SEQ ID NO:14 at V_HCDR1, SEQ ID NO:16 at V_HCDR2, SEQ ID NO:18 at V_HCDR3, SEQ ID NO:20 at V_LCDR1, SEQ ID NO:22 at V_LCDR2, and SEQ ID NO:24 at V_LCDR3.

14. (Currently Amended) The antibody or ~~antigen-binding~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12, which comprises SEQ ID NO:14 at V_HCDR1, SEQ ID NO:16 at V_HCDR2, SEQ ID NO:18 at V_HCDR3, SEQ ID NO:26 at V_LCDR1, SEQ ID NO:28 at V_LCDR2, and SEQ ID NO:30 at V_LCDR3.

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Claims 15-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

24. (Currently Amended) A conjugate comprising the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12 linked to a cytotoxic agent.

25. (Currently Amended) A conjugate comprising the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12 linked to a label.

26. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic composition effective to inhibit growth of human tumor cells that express IGF-IR, which composition comprises the antibody or ~~antigen-binding~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12.

27. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic composition of Claim 26, which further comprises an antineoplastic agent.

28. (Original) The therapeutic composition of Claim 27, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is an inhibitor of topoisomerase I or topoisomerase II.

29. (Original) The therapeutic composition of Claim 27, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is selected from the group consisting of irinotecan, camptothecin, and etoposide.

30. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic composition effective to promote regression of human tumors that express IGF-IR, which composition comprises the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12.

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31. (Original) The therapeutic composition of Claim 30, which further comprises an antineoplastic agent.

32. (Original) The therapeutic composition of Claim 31, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is an inhibitor of topoisomerase I or topoisomerase II.

33. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic composition of Claim 31, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is selected from the group consisting of irinotecan, camptothecin, ~~[[or]]~~ and etoposide.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of neutralizing the activation of ~~[[IGF-LR]]~~ IGF-IR, which comprises administering to a mammal an effective amount of the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12

Claims 35-40 (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing tumor growth which comprises administering to a mammal an effective amount of the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of Claim 12.

42. (Original) The method of Claim 41, which further comprises administering an effective amount of an anti-neoplastic agent.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is an inhibitor of topoisomerase I or topoisomerase II.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is selected from the group consisting of irinotecan, camptothecin, and etoposide.

45. (Currently Amended) A method of promoting tumor regression which comprises administering to a mammal an effective amount of the antibody or ~~antibody~~ fragment thereof of

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Claim 12.

46. (Original) The method of Claim 45, which further comprises administering an effective amount of an anti-neoplastic agent.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is an inhibitor of topoisomerase I or topoisomerase II.

48. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein the anti-neoplastic agent is selected from the group consisting of irinotecan, camptothecin, and etoposide.

49. (Original) The method of any one of Claims 41 to 48, wherein the tumor is a breast tumor, colorectal tumor, pancreatic tumor, ovarian tumor, lung tumor, prostate tumor, bone or soft tissue sarcoma or myeloma.

Claims 50-56 (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) An ~~antibody~~ isolated human antibody or fragment thereof comprising [[a]] the heavy chain variable domain ~~represented by~~ of SEQ ID NO:2 and [[a]] the light chain variable domain ~~represented by~~ of SEQ ID NO:6.

58. (Currently Amended) An ~~antibody~~ isolated human antibody or fragment thereof comprising [[a]] the heavy chain variable domain ~~represented by~~ of SEQ ID NO:2 and [[a]] the light chain variable domain ~~represented by~~ of SEQ ID NO:10.

59. (Currently Amended) The antibody of ~~Claims 57-58~~ Claims 57 or 58, wherein said antibody has an IgG1 isotype.

60. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of ~~Claims 57-59~~ Claims 57 or 58 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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Amendments to the specification

On page 1, please delete paragraph [0001] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application claims ~~the benefit of United States Provisional Application 60/467,177, filed May 1, 2003~~ priority of and is a U.S. national phase application of PCT/US2004/013852, filed May 3, 2004, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/467,177, filed May 1, 2003.

Please Amend Paragraphs 15-26 on pages 6 and 7 as follows;

[0015] Figure 1 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the 2F8 heavy chain variable domain (SEQ ID NO:1).

[0016] Figure 2 depicts the amino acid sequence of the 2F8 heavy chain variable domain. CDRs are in bold and underlined (SEQ ID NO:2).

[0017] Figure 3 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the complete 2F8 heavy chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:3).

[0018] Figure 4 depicts the amino acid sequence of the complete 2F8 heavy chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; bold: CDRs; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:4).

[0019] Figure 5 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the 2F8 light chain variable domain (SEQ ID NO:5).

[0020] Figure 6 depicts the amino acid sequence of the 2F8 light chain variable domain. CDRs are in bold and underlined (SEQ ID NO:6).

[0021] Figure 7 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the complete 2F8 light chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:7).

[0022] Figure 8 depicts the amino acid sequence of the complete 2F8 light chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; bold: CDRs; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:8).

[0023] Figure 9 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the A12 light chain variable domain (SEQ ID NO:9).

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[0024] Figure 10 depicts the amino acid sequence of the A12 light chain variable domain. CDRs are in bold and underlined (SEQ ID NO:10).

[0025] Fig. 11 depicts the nucleotide sequence of the complete A12 light chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:11).

[0026] Figure 12 depicts the amino acid sequence of the complete A12 light chain (underline: secretory signal sequence; bold: CDRs; italics: IgG1 constant region) (SEQ ID NO:12).

Please Amend Paragraph 81 on page 18 as follows;

[0081] In another embodiment, the present antibodies, or fragments thereof, can have a heavy chain variable region of ~~SEQ ID NO:1~~ SEQ ID NO: 2 and/or a light chain variable region selected from ~~SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6~~ SEQ ID NO:6 or SEQ ID NO:10. IMC-A12 is a particularly preferred antibody of the present invention. This antibody has human V_H and V_L framework regions (FWs) as well as CDRs. The V_H variable domain of IMC-A12 (~~SEQ ID NO:1~~ SEQ ID NO:2) has three CDRs corresponding to SEQ ID NOS:14, 16, and 18 and the V_L domain (~~SEQ ID NO:5~~ SEQ ID NO:10) has three CDRs corresponding to ~~SEQ ID NOS:20, 22, and 24~~ SEQ ID NOS:26, 28, and 30. IMC-2F8 is another preferred antibody of the present invention. This antibody also has human V_H and V_L framework regions (FWs) and CDRs. The V_H variable domain of IMC-2F8 is identical to the V_H variable domain of IMCA12. The V_L domain of IMC-2F8 (~~SEQ ID NO:9~~ SEQ ID NO:6) has three CDRs corresponding to ~~SEQ ID NOS:26, 28, and 30~~ SEQ ID NOS:20, 22, and 24.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Claims 12-14, 23-33 and 57-60 are free of the prior art. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an isolated human antibody or fragment thereof comprising the recited heavy and light chain CDR sequences or an antibody comprising the heavy chain variable domain of SEQ ID NO:2 and the light chain variable domain of SEQ ID NO:6 or 10.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Blanchard whose telephone number is (571) 272-0827. The examiner can normally be reached at Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, can be reached at (571) 272-0832.

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